**COUNCIL MEETING**

**(REGULAR)**

**August 18, 2021**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Stacy Selagy, Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman. Also, present were Attorney Rebecca Trent, Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

Member Kirk Quasebarth and Ken Hickman were absent.

President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 5:59 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:** Stacy Selagy made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from August 4, 2021. Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried. $289,058.49

**MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF… none this time.**

**VISITORS: COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING REPS…** Gabrielle and Rob were present. They explained the different $$ amounts that is on their quote. Per Rosemary, the extra $25,000.00 for the matching first part of the study grant, if we can’t get it from the grant, Rosemary is 99% sure that we can get it from the County Commissioners. \*Jon from Wessler’s asked the Council if they would like Wessler’s estimate on the same thing that Commonwealth just submitted? After some discussion it was determined that our motion for Commonwealth to do the whole study grant…was vague. The Council wants to see Jon’s quote also. We will have an executive meeting soon and we will invite one at a time both engineering companies to present their quotes.

**TAMMY SAWSON, REPRESENTING 511 SHIELDS ST. PROPERTY OWNERS…** This property for several weeks has had a sewer problem. They cannot flush the toilet hardly at all. We are very aware of this problem. Our utility workers have been there several times to try and help. Our attorney Rebecca is also aware of everything. The main problem is between the 511 property owners and the owners of the trailer park, Peak Properties from Crown Point. There is an easement that needs to be resolved. \*Tony will take our jetter and try and clean out their sewer pipe tomorrow. \*\*The property owners must get together and find a solution soon!!! Tony also suggested that Godlove Sewer from Monticello might be able to help.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS…** 1.VP Stacy talked about the building next to the railroad tracks on 3rd Street. She suggested at the minimum we should have the ground level windows boarded up (+) in front of the building we need to have it boarded up where the rafters are showing. Roger is still pursuing this. 2.The west side trailer court is also trying to clean up their property. 3.Roger has again started sending out more clean-up property letters.

**STORM WATER, STUDY GRANTS FROM COMMONWEALTH & WESSLERS, VANGUARD METER, ETC…** Please see above. Plus, Tony is supposed to meet with Vanguard officials on Thursday about the meter.

**SPLASH PAD INFO…** 1.Tony stated that all the concrete is installed. 2.Tony is purchasing 2 poles that will hold lights and security cameras. The meter for the pad has also been purchased. Installation for everything may be finished in a week. 2.Clerk Brown explained that the grant from the DNR is a “reimbursement type grant.” We must pay all the bills first and then we will receive money back from DNR. We really weren’t told this at the beginning. I’m glad we have the finances to pay for all of this first…or we could have been in trouble.

**(3) QUIET TITLE LOTS…** Attorney Trent read the orders for all three lots. After a small discussion…

Stacy Selagy made the motion to continue ahead with our acquisition of the 3 lots.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Rebecca explained what we must do if we want to sell the lots…which we do. After we set the price for each, the sale of the lots must be advertised in the local papers. After more discussion…

Ron Benakovich made the motion to sell each lot at a starting rate of $1500.00 each.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SUNOCO PROPERTY…** Attorney Rebecca stated that the property has cleared every hurdle so far and the property should be legally the Town of Monon’s next week.

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**MONON EMS / EMT’S…** Marshal Roger and President Rosemary entered a discussion. There was a couple of calls missed in the last day or two. A EMT was out of town and the other one did not cover the calls. Plus, over the last several months, per procedures, the ambulance hasn’t been cleaned up or re-stocked with supplies. There were a couple of suggestions on how to handle this problem. More discussion needs to follow before we put anything in writing…

**2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING…** This will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30pm. The Public Adoption meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS…**  1.Tony said that the 5 memorial benches have been installed by an outside contractor. 4 benches were installed at the Park and one was installed at the old Sunoco lot. 2.Our new worker John Denton is working out nicely. 3.The town has been under a water boil order since early Tuesday morning. The order should be lifted Thursday morning. 4. Our workers are still picking up lots of brush daily. 5.We are having 2 catch basins dug up and repaired. Their drains were lined over a couple of years ago and now we are fixing them. One drain was on Spruce Street and the other one is on 4th Street.

**MARSHAL YOUNG…** 1.Since we still do not have a School Crossing Guard, Roger said that maybe a classroom aide person might take over the duties in the morning and afternoon. 2.The entrance for the elementary school is now off Meridian Road. Roger said the traffic flow is working out a lot better.

**CLERK – TREASURER BROWN…** 1.Our 5-year lease on our office printer / copier is up. We just signed the papers for a new machine, and it was delivered on Tuesday. It is super nice. 2.Our former Clerk-Treasurer Michele and her husband Jack were involved in a terrible car wreck last week in Florida. Jack passed away from his injuries and Michele was injured badly. She is out of the hospital now and her daughter Rebecca is staying with her. Please pray for their family… 3.The fall ILMCT conference will be virtual this year. It will be Thursday and Friday 8-26 and 8-27. 4.Mayor Cathy Gross from Monticello had a salesperson from a company stop by to see me. He was with a BOT company. This type of company oversees construction projects. He was interesting to talk to and we may use his services in the future.

**ATTORNEY TRENT…** has investigated all the different types of TIF districts. It will take all lot longer to explain all of these in this meeting. Rebecca wants to have an executive meeting someday to discuss all of the different districts.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY…** The county has started a hazard monitoring project that involves all county towns, schools, libraries, etc… We have filled out a couple of forms to try and comply with this. We may get more grant money if we qualify.

Ron Benakovich made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Stacy Selagy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:57 pm.

\*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 1, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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